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SUBJECT: US-UK COMPUTER BILATERALS - IL 1565

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1. UKDEL RAISED WITH US US PROPOSAL PER REFTEL THAT THERE BE WASHINGTON BILATERALS ON IL 1565. HE INDICATED THAT UK SIDE WOULD FIND APRIL 29 OR MAY 6 DATES DIFFICULT AND THAT THEY WOULD BE MAKING COUNTER-SUGGESTION OF WEEK OF MAY 20. ALSTON STRESSED THAT FOREGOING WAS NOT NECESSARILY DEFINITIVE UK POSITION AND FORMAL REACTION TO US SUGGESTION WOULD OF COURSE COME FROM FCO.

2. ALSTON ALSO INDICATED THERE WAS GOOD CHANCE THAT HIS SUCCESSOR, ANTHONY GOODENOUGH WHO TAKES OVER AS UKDEL AS OF MAY 14 COCOM MEETING, WOULD BE ATTENDING BILATERALS.

3. UPON APPROACH BY UKDEL, WE CAUTIONED THAT PLANS FOR US/UK TALKS SHOULD REMAIN ON BILATERAL BASIS. HE AGREED BUT COMMENTED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT US WAS COMMITTED TO HAVE SIMILAR TALKS WITH AT LEAST ONE OTHER MEMBER (READ JAPAN).

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4. COMMENT: JAPANESE DEL FUKUDA HAS BEEN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN TO ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT IN TOKYO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT HAS BEEN ABLE TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE THUS FAR BECAUSE OF IMPENDING 1565 REVIEW. BASED ON HIS TRACK RECORD SO FAR, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN US INTERESTS TO HAVE HIM, RATHER THAN SOME NEW, UNKNOWN REPLACEMENT, HEADING JAPANESE DELEGATION DURING THIS REVIEW. EARLY RECEIPT OF INDICATION OF WHEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BILATERAL WITH JAPANESE AND WHEN WE WOULD PROPOSE ACTUAL COCOM NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ASSURE HIS PRESENCE. PLEASE AUTHORIZE US TO PASS SUCH INFORMATION (OR ARRANGE TO DO SO THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON OR EMBASSY TOKYO) AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

5. IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY, UKDEL WILL BE PART OF BRITISH BILATERALS TEAM, MISSION URGES THAT USDEL ALSO RECEIVE INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS PERMITTING HIM TO TAKE PART. OPPORTUNITY THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON OTHER CURRENT COCOM ISSUES WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL.
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